

CLASS OF 1811

ROBERT N. YATES

Son of Nicholas and Rebecca (Fonda) Yates.

Born November 11th, 1789. During the War of 1812, this young man was appointed Lieutenant in a Rifle Regiment of the United States Army, and stationed at Fort Erie, in Canada, when that fort was in the possession of the Americans, under command of General Edmund P. Gaines, who sent him out from the fort at the head of a reconnoitering party, which was attacked by the enemy. In the skirmish he repulsed the enemy, but at the sacrifice of his own life. His body was brought back to the fort, and forwarded to Schenectady for interment, where it is now deposited in the old Dutch Church burying-ground, sleeping with honor beside those of his patriotic ancestors.

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